

## STAFF BILL PLANS NEW PROMOTIONS

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After Definite Period  
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National Guard Expected  
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Washington, Feb. 24.—An entirely new system of army promotions is outlined in the General Staff's universal service bill, which was referred to bureau chiefs of the War Department today for comment. Under the plan officers would be advanced only after service for a definite period of years in the next lower grade, and promotions would be made from a single list, to prevent rivalry in that regard between the various arms of the service.

The promotion question is recognized in the bill as vital, in view of the fact that 17,125 additional men would have to be commissioned before the universal training system could be put into operation. A discussion of the problem accompanies the bill as prepared by the General Staff. Former regular officers and qualified enlisted men of the regular army are given first place in the list of eligibles, but the report recognizes that the greatest source of supply would be from the National Guard.

The staff bill fixes the training division as a military unit for the control of the sixteen divisions it regards as necessary to build up an army of 3,000,000 trained, equipped and organized reservists in eleven years.

Each training unit would feed three reserve units, filling them up in three years and maintaining them thereafter. This force would constitute the first reserve, officered in part in time of war by regular army officers. The second reserve would have the same strength and organization. It would take seven additional years, however, to build up this force, and behind it, in the trained but unorganized reserve, would be an additional million men to make up losses. The plan provides a total of 1,000,000 trained reservists, exclusive of boys under training. It aims to create a reserve of highly trained officers and non-commissioned officers from which losses in front line regiments could be replaced.

### SQUADRON A FOR WHITMAN

Major Wright to Command Cavalry Escort at Inauguration of Wilson

Squadron A has been designated to act as bodyguard to Governor Whitman in the inaugural parade in Washington on March 5, it was announced at National Guard headquarters yesterday. Major William R. Wright will be in command.

The 12th and 69th regiments, now on the border, will also take part in the ceremonies. Brigadier General James W. Lester will command the New York forces in the parade.

### 5,000 FARMERS ARE URGED TO FIGHT PREPAREDNESS

Protest Against Spy Bill, Says Plea From Peace Federation

The Emergency Peace Federation yesterday sent letters to five thousand Western farmers urging them to join in the pacifist movement. The letters said that by sending protests to President Wilson, Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Representative Flood, of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the farmers could "help to suppress proposed legislation which, if enacted, would make the Green with envy."

The federation, which is fighting the preparedness legislative programme at Washington, asks the farmers to organize anti-war meetings in the West. "Protest with all your might against the spy bill, which has passed the Senate by a vote of 60 to 10 and is now before the House," said the letter. "Mention specifically Clause 3, which provides life imprisonment for any one who causes 'disaffection in army or naval forces.' Disaffection may mean even so simple a thing as an inquiry concerning the honesty of any army contract."

The federation, of which Mrs. Henry

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## 80,000-Ton Warship Biggest U. S. Could Use, Navy Reports

One Such Vessel, 975 Feet Long,  
Would Be of Little Value,  
Experts Say

Washington, Feb. 24.—An 80,000-ton battleship, mounting fifteen 18-inch guns, having a speed of twenty-five knots an hour and costing \$50,000,000, would be the largest warcraft which the United States could employ, according to a report to Congress by the Navy Department.

The report was prepared in response to a request for specifications of the biggest fighting craft that could use the Panama Canal and American harbors. It says that such a vessel would have a length of 975 feet, a beam of 108 feet, a secondary battery of twenty-one 6-inch guns, four 21-inch torpedo tubes and a 12,000-mile radius of action.

"A single such vessel, however," it adds, "would not be of great value to the United States navy, as it would not be suited to act in union with the other major units of our fleet. To develop the value of such a vessel it would be necessary to lay down not less than five."

The European war, the report says, has as yet brought no conclusive answer to the question of what types are most desirable, and the General Board is not prepared to recommend so radical a departure as the 80,000-ton ship would represent.

The \$25,000,000 battleships asked for in the pending naval bill represent the greatest increase in size and power for battleship types in any single year, but they are to have a displacement of only 42,000 tons, main batteries of only twelve 16-inch guns and a speed of twenty-three knots.

## Congresswoman from Montana, Idol of Suffrage, Here on Visit

Jeanette Rankin Has Three Babies Named for Her, but  
Does Not Boast of Her Honors—Silent on  
Work in House

Jeanette Rankin, Congresswoman from Montana, isn't doing any reckoning talking on her first visit East since her election. Some women in her position might feel called upon to pronounce weighty views on the state of the country, and tell how Congress was going to benefit from the influence of Woman—but Miss Rankin isn't that kind.

She slipped into New York on the noon train yesterday before anybody knew she was coming, and when she received the reporters last night at the home of Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw she gave forth not one political utterance.

"I'm not going to say a single thing about what I'll do in Washington," she declared.

"This is not the time to talk about my policies. I have not yet received an invitation to join the Independents, and I shall not say anything about them."

"When are you going to Washington?" "I don't really know," she laughed. "You see Congress may not sit until next December, and in that case I shall go back to Montana in a couple of weeks."

### Has Seen Many Inaugurations

"Aren't you going to the inauguration?" "Yes, I was there four years ago. I was there in the parade behind Mrs. Milholland on her white horse. I was one of the officers of the National Woman Suffrage Association then, and I wasn't even a voter. Isn't it funny?"

Questions as to her views on fashions

for the floor of Congress and the etiquette of wearing a hat during rollcall were met by the same protective chuckle.

"What are you going to buy to wear to Congress?" she asked.

"It all depends on when I go," she laughed. "If I bought clothes now they might be all out of style by December."

However, she looked very nice last night in a black and white striped voile gown, with a slender gold cord about her waist. Her cheeks are full and rosy, but her hair is as prettily dressed as if she had never seen a bucking bronco or anything further west than the bridge path of Central Park. When she goes to Washington her mother is coming on from Montana to keep house for her, just as she did when Miss Rankin was a humble worker for the cause.

### Three Babies Named for Her

"Haven't you had any babies named for you?" some one asked, in the last vain search for a thrill.

"Oh, yes," chuckled the Congresswoman. "I've three namesakes already. I wrote to their mothers and asked for the babies' pictures, and I hope they all grow to be Congresswomen."

Miss Rankin is willing to talk about only one thing, and that is the effect she hopes her election will have on the woman's movement in this country.

"It isn't so much what I shall be able to do," she said, "but I have established a precedent, and after me it will not be so hard for other women to be elected. Then, too, it will focus the attention of women upon Congress and make them take more interest in the affairs of the national government."

### Many Problems of Her Own

"As for my own problems, I feel as if I had twice as many as any other newly elected Congresswoman. Every

woman in the country, who is in trouble, over a pension or a postoffice, seems to look upon me as her special representative and fairly godmother. Of course I shall do everything I can for suffrage and child welfare and prohibition and all the other things that are in my platform, but don't look for anything startling from me. My hair isn't red, and neither are my policies."

Miss Rankin will tell a little more maybe about her plans at the meeting at Carnegie Hall on Friday evening, for which all the New York suffragists who claim her as their own, because it was here that she did her first suffrage work five years ago, are taking boxes. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt will introduce her, and after the meeting there will be a public reception. It will be New York's only chance to honor her, for she has refused every invitation to teas, luncheons, banquets, receptions and other assorted functions with which the enraptured suffragists of the city have tried to show their delight in having a woman in Congress.

## Princeton Men Will Begin Daily Drill To-morrow

More than 60 Per Cent of the  
Student Body Enrolled in  
Provisional Battalion

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 24.—Regular daily military drill for those students of Princeton University who have signed up for the Princeton Provisional Battalion will begin on Monday. More than 60 per cent of the student body has enrolled. Members of the faculty are taking a keen interest in the battalion and have joined the movement.

Captain Stuart Heintzelman, of the regular army, who has been stationed at Princeton by the War Department since last fall, will have charge of the drill.

Preliminary drills for students who have had training either at military schools or at the summer camps have been held in the gymnasium during the last week. The men have been appointed as sergeants and corporals and will assist Captain Heintzelman.

## BIRTH CONTROL NOT BARRED

No Illinois Law to Prevent Advice from  
Physician, Says Attorney General

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 24.—The way to a birth control propaganda in Illinois was opened today in an opinion by Edward J. Brundage, Attorney General, notifying a Chicago citizens' committee that there was nothing in the statutes to prevent physicians giving advice to married women.

### Head of Harvard Seeks Office

Boston, Feb. 24.—A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard University, announced today that he would be a candidate for delegate-at-large to the Constitutional Convention, which meets in June. Nomination papers in his behalf were obtained from the Secretary of State.

## Army Heads Plan For Placing Guns To Fight Aircraft

Department Commanders Asked  
to Suggest Locations for 155  
Just Authorized

Washington, Feb. 24.—Department commanders in the United States and at overseas posts have been ordered by the War Department to report what points under their jurisdiction should be provided with anti-aircraft guns under the authorization for purchase of 150 for continental United States, eight for the Canal Zone and seventeen for the insular possessions.

The War Department has placed orders also for forty-six 9.5-inch field howitzers of a type said to equal the 11-inch guns of similar design in use abroad. The Bethlehem Steel Company will furnish twenty-six and the Midvale company twenty. They are to be drawn by motor tractors.

It was announced that three American army officers—Lieutenants Joseph E. Carberry, of the aviation section, and Willard F. Harmon, Jr., and Davenport Johnson, infantrymen, all now on border duty, have been ordered to France for instruction in flying, at French military aviation schools.

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